

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device that comprises organic compound layer(s) including at least one organic emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes, wherein at least one organic compound layer is formed from an organic compound material and said at least one organic compound layer contains ~~having an impurity concentration of lower than 500 ppm and the impurity therein is of~~ a halogen-containing compound.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the halogen-containing compound is a halide.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the organic compound layers are a hole injection layer, an organic emitting layer and an electron injection layer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound layer(s) is purified through sublimation.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one organic compound material to form the organic compound

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layer(s) is purified through recrystallization or reprecipitation, or through recrystallization combined with reprecipitation.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by, in effect, requiring that the at least one organic compound layer contain less than 500 ppm of a halogen-containing compound, as opposed to having an impurity concentration of less than 500 ppm of a halogen-containing compound. The amendment is deemed to be supported in the specification generally, and particularly at page 53, line 3 through the end of page 57.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 2-6 will remain pending in the application.